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SUBJ: NEW MILITARY ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT

REF A. ATHENS 8268 B. ATHENS 8906

SUMMARY: SUBJECT AGREEMENT FORMALLY GIVEN TO FONOFF, SHAFIC IS NOW REVIEWING TEXT, AND WILL WISH TO KNOW WHAT AGREEMENTS IT SUPERSEDES. TEN PERCENT DEPOSIT REQUIREMENT REMAINS TECHNICALLY IN EFFECT AND SHOULD BE TERMINATED. CONTINUED VALIDITY OF OTHER MILITARY ASSISTANCE AGREEMENTS MIGHT BE QUESTIONED. END SUMMARY

1. AT TIME OF OCTOBER SESSION OF SOFA SUBGROUP (SEE PARA 16, REF A) US DELEGATION GAVE TO GREEK DELEGATION A DRAFT OF A NEW MILITARY ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT. DURING NOVEMBER SESSION (REF B) GREEK DELEGATION REITERATED ITS POSITION THAT JUSMAGG SHOULD BE TREATED AS AN ELEMENT OF THE US FORCES, BUT STATED THAT IN LIGHT OF US POSITION (A) THAT JUSMAGG WAS NOT PART OF US FORCES AND (B) THAT AGREEMENT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED OUTSIDE FRAMEWORK OF CURRENT BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS ON US MILITARY PRESENCE, IT PREFERRED THAT AGREEMENT BE INTRODUCED FORMALLY INTO EMBASSY-FONOFF CHANNEL, TO WHICH US DELEGATION AGREED. ON NOVEMBER 20, POL/MIL OFF DELIVERED COPY OF DRAFT OF
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SUBJECT AGREEMENT UNDER COVER OF AN EXPLANATORY NOTE TO

DMITRI MANOLATOS, AMERICAN DESK OFFICER, FONOFF. MANOLATOS INDICATED THAT SHAFK WAS REVIEWING DRAFT AND UPON RECEIPT OF SHAFK VIEWS, FONOFF WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS AGREEMENT WITH EMBASSY.

2. ALSO DURING NOVEMBER SESSION, LT COL ANDRIKOS, HAF, COMMENTED THAT HE WAS FOCAL POINT FOR COORDINATION OF GREEK MILITARY COMMENT ON SUBJECT AGREEMENT. HE EXPRESSED HIS INTENTION TO BE IN CONTACT WITH EMBASSY SOON TO ASCERTAIN WHAT AGREEMENTS CURRENTLY IN EFFECT WOULD BE REPLACED BY THIS AGREEMENT. EMBASSY ANTICIPATES RECEIVING THIS QUERY FROM LTCOL ANDRIKOS DURING WEEK OF NOVEMBER 24-28 AND WISHES TO VERIFY PROPOSED ANSWER, WHICH IS THAT THE AGREEMENT WOULD REPLACE FOLLOWING:

- (A) TIAS 1625 OF JUNE 20, 1947
- (B) LAW DECREE 694 OF MAY 7, 1948
- (C) TIAS 2537 OF JANUARY 7, 1952
- (D) NOTE EXCHANGE (US EMBASSY #76) OF SEPTEMBER 7, 1956

3. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT AGREEMENT OF JANUARY 11 AND 12, 1973, (TIAS 7543) ALSO SHOULD BE TERMINATED. IN THIS REGARD, EMBASSY NOTES THAT ON DECEMBER 30, 1974, (STATE 283368) DEPARTMENT INFORMED INTERESTED POSTS THAT INASMUCH AS LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENT FOR TEN PERCENT DEPOSIT HAD BEEN REPEALED EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31, 1973, POSTS WOULD BE AUTHORIZED SEPARATELY TO CONCLUDE A TERMINATION AGREEMENT FOLLOWING TREASURY DETERMINATION THAT THE HOST GOVERNMENT HAD MADE FINAL PAYMENT AND CLEARED THE ACCOUNT. THE AUTHORIZATION TO CONCLUDE THIS TERMINATION AGREEMENT HAS NEVER BEEN RECEIVED. ALTHOUGH THE CONTINUED VALIDITY OF THIS AGREEMENT CREATED NO PROBLEM IN THE ABSENCE OF GRANT AID, THE PROSPECT OF A RENEWED GRANT MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR GREECE SUGGESTS THAT A TERMINATION AGREEMENT NEEDS TO BE ACCOMPLISHED SOON.

4. IN ADDITION TO THE AGREEMENTS MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH 3 AND 4 ABOVE, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF OTHER AGREEMENTS WHICH WERE EFFECTED OVER PAST 28 YEARS, WHOSE CONTINUED VALIDITY MAY BE QUESTIONED BY GOG IN DISCUSSION OF THE SUBJECT AGREEMENT. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY ASSUMES THESE ARE CONFIDENTIAL

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STILL REQUIRED, IT WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION OF THIS. THESE LATTER AGREEMENTS WOULD INCLUDE BUT PERHAPS NOT BE LIMITED TO:

- (A) TIAS 2738 OF DECEMBER 24, 1952
- (B) TIAS 3034 OF JULY 30, 1954
- (C) TIAS 3173 OF NOVEMBER 12, 1954
- (D) TIAS 3286 OF JUNE 16, 1955

(E) TIAS 4500 OF FEBRUARY 15, 1960

(F) TIAS 4741 OF APRIL 18, 1961

5. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING RESPONSE DURING
WEEK OF NOVEMBER 24-28. KUBISCH

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